

Application No.10/629,882
RCE dated January 3, 2007
Reply to Office Action of October 6, 2006

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner for the time taken reviewing our application. Claims 2, 3, 8, and 9 remain in the application. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 7 are amended. Claims 4 and 10 are canceled.

Drawing Objections:

Examiner has objected to the following informality: the profile of the interpole spacers 94 in Fig. 4 does not match the profile of spacer 94 in Fig 6 because the interpole spacers are attached to the rotor sleeve 6 between the permanent magnets 4, the profile of the spacers should have a curve shape and located around the rotor sleeve, the spacers can not have a rectangular shape and located at a random location as shown in Fig. 4. Amended Figure 4 addresses these concerns.

Examiner has objected that the claim that “stator housing carry permanent magnets” be shown in the drawings. Applicant has canceled this feature from the claims.

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By the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that he has presented claims which are patentable over the prior art and requests that this application be examined again under the provisions of the Manual of Patent Examining proceedings concerning a request for continued examination. Early favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is urged. In the event that the Examiner has any further concerns, Applicant requests a call to Applicant's attorney David L. Garrison at (206) 441-3440.

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